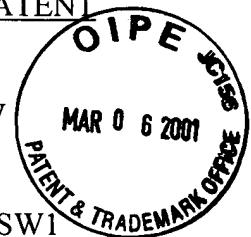


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated September 29, 2000, please amend this application as follows:

In the Specification

Please change the title from "SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND A METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THEREOF" to --SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE WITH METAL WIRE LAYER MASKING--.

Page 1

Line 22, change "Surface" to --The surface--.

Line 24, change "17" to --22--.

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Line 8, change "irradiated" to --irradiate--.

Line 11, change "shorten" to --shortened--.

Line 15, change "90" to --80--; change "pointed out" to --possible--.

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